

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

LYNWOOD INVESTMENTS CY LIMITED,

Plaintiff,

vs.

MAXIM KONOVALOV, IGOR SYSOEV,  
ANDREY ALEXEEV, MAXIM DOUNIN,  
GLEB SMIRNOFF, ANGUS ROBERTSON,  
NGINX, INC. (BVI), NGINX SOFTWARE,  
INC., NGINX, INC. (DE), BV NGINX, LLC,  
RUNA CAPITAL, INC., EVENTURE  
CAPITAL PARTNERS II LLC, AND F5  
NETWORKS, INC.,

Defendants.

Case No. 3:20-CV-03778-MMC

[PROPOSED] STIPULATED  
PROTECTIVE ORDER

**1. PURPOSES AND LIMITATIONS**

Disclosure and discovery activity in this action are likely to involve production of confidential, proprietary, or private information for which special protection from public disclosure and from use for any purpose other than prosecuting this litigation may be warranted. Accordingly, the parties hereby stipulate to and petition the court to enter the following Stipulated Protective Order. The parties acknowledge that this Order does not confer blanket protections on all disclosures or responses to discovery and that the protection it affords from public disclosure and use extends only to the limited information or items that are entitled to confidential treatment under the applicable legal principles. The parties further acknowledge, as set forth in Section 14.4, below, that this Stipulated Protective Order does not entitle them to file confidential information under seal; Civil Local Rule 79-5 sets forth the procedures that must be followed and the standards that will be applied when a party seeks permission from the court to file material under seal.

**2. DEFINITIONS**

**2.1 Challenging Party:** a Party or Non-Party that challenges the designation of information or items under this Order.

1           2.2    “CONFIDENTIAL” Information or Items: information (regardless of how it is  
2 generated, stored or maintained) or tangible things that qualify for protection under Federal Rule  
3 of Civil Procedure 26(c).

4           2.3    Counsel (without qualifier): Outside Counsel of Record and House Counsel (as  
5 well as their support staff).

6           2.4    Designated House Counsel: House Counsel who seek access to “HIGHLY  
7 CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY” information in this matter.

8           2.5    Designating Party: a Party or Non-Party that designates information or items that it  
9 produces in disclosures or in responses to discovery as “CONFIDENTIAL” or “HIGHLY  
10 CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY” or “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – SOURCE  
11 CODE”.

12          2.6    Disclosure or Discovery Material: all items or information, regardless of the  
13 medium or manner in which it is generated, stored, or maintained (including, among other things,  
14 testimony, transcripts, and tangible things), that are produced or generated in disclosures or  
15 responses to discovery in this matter.

16          2.7    Expert: a person with specialized knowledge or experience in a matter pertinent to  
17 the litigation who (1) has been retained by a Party or its counsel to serve as an expert witness or  
18 as a consultant in this action, (2) is not a past or current employee of a Party or of a Party’s  
19 competitor, and (3) at the time of retention, is not anticipated to become an employee of a Party  
20 or of a Party’s competitor.

21          2.8    “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY” Information or  
22 Items: extremely sensitive “Confidential Information or Items,” disclosure of which to another  
23 Party or Non-Party would create a substantial risk of serious harm that could not be avoided by  
24 less restrictive means.

25          2.9    “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – SOURCE CODE” Information or Items:  
26 extremely sensitive “Confidential Information or Items” representing computer code and  
27 associated comments and revision histories, formulas, engineering specifications, or schematics  
28 that define or otherwise describe in detail the algorithms or structure of software or hardware

1 designs, disclosure of which to another Party or Non-Party would create a substantial risk of  
2 serious harm that could not be avoided by less restrictive means.

3 2.10 House Counsel: attorneys who are employees of a party to this action. House  
4 Counsel does not include Outside Counsel of Record or any other outside counsel.

5 2.11 Non-Party: any natural person, partnership, corporation, association, or other legal  
6 entity not named as a Party to this action.

7 2.12 Outside Counsel of Record: attorneys who are not employees of a party to this  
8 action but are retained to represent or advise a party to this action and have appeared in this action  
9 on behalf of that party or are affiliated with a law firm which has appeared on behalf of that party.

10 2.13 Party: any party to this action, including all of its officers, directors, employees,  
11 consultants, retained experts, and Outside Counsel of Record (and their support staff).

12 2.14 Producing Party: a Party or Non-Party that produces Disclosure or Discovery  
13 Material in this action.

14 2.15 Professional Vendors: persons or entities that provide litigation support services  
15 (e.g., photocopying, videotaping, translating, preparing exhibits or demonstrations, and  
16 organizing, storing, or retrieving data in any form or medium) and their employees and  
17 subcontractors.

18 2.16 Protected Material: any Disclosure or Discovery Material that is designated as  
19 “CONFIDENTIAL,” or as “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY” or as  
20 “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – SOURCE CODE.”

21 2.17 Receiving Party: a Party that receives Disclosure or Discovery Material from a  
22 Producing Party.

### 23 3. SCOPE

24 The protections conferred by this Stipulation and Order cover not only Protected Material  
25 (as defined above), but also (1) any information copied or extracted from Protected Material; (2)  
26 all copies, excerpts, summaries, or compilations of Protected Material; and (3) any testimony,  
27 conversations, or presentations by Parties or their Counsel that might reveal Protected Material.  
28 However, the protections conferred by this Stipulation and Order do not cover the following

1 information: (a) any information that is in the public domain at the time of disclosure to a  
2 Receiving Party or becomes part of the public domain after its disclosure to a Receiving Party as  
3 a result of publication not involving a violation of this Order, including becoming part of the  
4 public record through trial or otherwise; and (b) any information known to the Receiving Party  
5 prior to the disclosure or obtained by the Receiving Party after the disclosure from a source who  
6 obtained the information lawfully and under no obligation of confidentiality to the Designating  
7 Party. Any use of Protected Material at trial shall be governed by a separate agreement or order.

8 4. DURATION

9 Even after final disposition of this litigation, the confidentiality obligations imposed by  
10 this Order shall remain in effect until a Designating Party agrees otherwise in writing or a court  
11 order otherwise directs. Final disposition shall be deemed to be the later of (1) dismissal of all  
12 claims and defenses in this action, with or without prejudice; and (2) final judgment herein after  
13 the completion and exhaustion of all appeals, rehearings, remands, trials, or reviews of this action,  
14 including the time limits for filing any motions or applications for extension of time pursuant to  
15 applicable law.

16 5. DESIGNATING PROTECTED MATERIAL

17 5.1 Exercise of Restraint and Care in Designating Material for Protection. Each Party  
18 or Non-Party that designates information or items for protection under this Order must take care  
19 to limit any such designation to specific material that qualifies under the appropriate standards.  
20 To the extent it is practical to do so, the Designating Party must designate for protection only  
21 those parts of material, documents, items, or oral or written communications that qualify – so that  
22 other portions of the material, documents, items, or communications for which protection is not  
23 warranted are not swept unjustifiably within the ambit of this Order.

24 Mass, indiscriminate, or routinized designations are prohibited. Designations that are  
25 shown to be clearly unjustified or that have been made for an improper purpose (e.g., to  
26 unnecessarily encumber or retard the case development process or to impose unnecessary  
27 expenses and burdens on other parties) expose the Designating Party to sanctions.

28 If it comes to a Designating Party's attention that information or items that it designated

1 for protection do not qualify for protection at all or do not qualify for the level of protection  
 2 initially asserted, that Designating Party must promptly notify all other parties that it is  
 3 withdrawing the mistaken designation.

4 5.2 Manner and Timing of Designations. Except as otherwise provided in this Order  
 5 (see, e.g., second paragraph of section 5.2(a) below), or as otherwise stipulated or ordered,  
 6 Disclosure or Discovery

7 Material that qualifies for protection under this Order must be clearly so designated before  
 8 the material is disclosed or produced.

9 Designation in conformity with this Order requires:

10 (a) for information in documentary form (e.g., paper or electronic documents, but  
 11 excluding transcripts of depositions or other pretrial or trial proceedings), that the Producing  
 12 Party affix the legend “CONFIDENTIAL” or “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS’  
 13 EYES ONLY” or “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – SOURCE CODE” to each page that contains  
 14 protected material. If only a portion or portions of the material on a page qualifies for protection,  
 15 the Producing Party also must clearly identify the protected portion(s) (e.g., by making  
 16 appropriate markings in the margins) and must specify, for each portion, the level of protection  
 17 being asserted.

18 A Party or Non-Party that makes original documents or materials available for inspection  
 19 need not designate them for protection until after the inspecting Party has indicated which  
 20 material it would like copied and produced. During the inspection and before the designation, all  
 21 of the material made available for inspection shall be deemed “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL –  
 22 ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY.” After the inspecting Party has identified the documents it wants  
 23 copied and produced, the Producing Party must determine which documents, or portions thereof,  
 24 qualify for protection under this Order. Then, before producing the specified documents, the  
 25 Producing Party must affix the appropriate legend (“CONFIDENTIAL” or “HIGHLY  
 26 CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY” or “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – SOURCE  
 27 CODE) to each page that contains Protected Material. If only a portion or portions of the material  
 28 on a page qualifies for protection, the Producing Party also must clearly identify the protected

1 portion(s) (e.g., by making appropriate markings in the margins) and must specify, for each  
 2 portion, the level of protection being asserted.

3 (b) for testimony given in deposition or in other pretrial or trial proceedings, that the  
 4 Designating Party identify on the record, before the close of the deposition, hearing, or other  
 5 proceeding, all protected testimony and specify the level of protection being asserted. When it is  
 6 impractical to identify separately each portion of testimony that is entitled to protection and it  
 7 appears that substantial portions of the testimony may qualify for protection, the Designating  
 8 Party may invoke on the record (before the deposition, hearing, or other proceeding is concluded)  
 9 a right to have up to 21 days to identify the specific portions of the testimony as to which  
 10 protection is sought and to specify the level of protection being asserted. Only those portions of  
 11 the testimony that are appropriately designated for protection within the 21 days shall be covered  
 12 by the provisions of this Stipulated Protective Order. Alternatively, a Designating Party may  
 13 specify, at the deposition or up to 21 days afterwards if that period is properly invoked, that the  
 14 entire transcript shall be treated as “CONFIDENTIAL” or “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL –  
 15 ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY.”

16 Parties shall give the other parties notice if they reasonably expect a deposition, hearing or  
 17 other proceeding to include Protected Material so that the other parties can ensure that only  
 18 authorized individuals who have signed the “Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound”  
 19 (Exhibit A) are present at those proceedings. The use of a document as an exhibit at a deposition  
 20 shall not in any way affect its designation as “CONFIDENTIAL” or “HIGHLY  
 21 CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY.”

22 Transcripts containing Protected Material shall have an obvious legend on the title page  
 23 that the transcript contains Protected Material, and the title page shall be followed by a list of all  
 24 pages (including line numbers as appropriate) that have been designated as Protected Material and  
 25 the level of protection being asserted by the Designating Party. The Designating Party shall  
 26 inform the court reporter of these requirements. Any transcript that is prepared before the  
 27 expiration of a 21-day period for designation shall be treated during that period as if it had been  
 28 designated “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY” in its entirety unless

1 otherwise agreed. After the expiration of that period, the transcript shall be treated only as  
 2 actually designated.

3 (c) for information produced in some form other than documentary and for any other  
 4 tangible items, that the Producing Party affix in a prominent place on the exterior of the container  
 5 or containers in which the information or item is stored the legend “CONFIDENTIAL” or  
 6 “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY” or “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL –  
 7 SOURCE CODE”. If only a portion or portions of the information or item warrant protection, the  
 8 Producing Party, to the extent practicable, shall identify the protected portion(s) and specify the  
 9 level of protection being asserted.

10 5.3 Inadvertent Failures to Designate. If timely corrected, an inadvertent failure to  
 11 designate qualified information or items does not, standing alone, waive the Designating Party’s  
 12 right to secure protection under this Order for such material. Upon timely correction of a  
 13 designation, the Receiving Party must make reasonable efforts to assure that the material is  
 14 treated in accordance with the provisions of this Order.

## 15 6. CHALLENGING CONFIDENTIALITY DESIGNATIONS

16 6.1 Timing of Challenges. Any Party or Non-Party may challenge a designation of  
 17 confidentiality at any time. Unless a prompt challenge to a Designating Party’s confidentiality  
 18 designation is necessary to avoid foreseeable, substantial unfairness, unnecessary economic  
 19 burdens, or a significant disruption or delay of the litigation, a Party does not waive its right to  
 20 challenge a confidentiality designation by electing not to mount a challenge promptly after the  
 21 original designation is disclosed.

22 6.2 Meet and Confer. The Challenging Party shall initiate the dispute resolution  
 23 process by providing written notice of each designation it is challenging and describing the basis  
 24 for each challenge. To avoid ambiguity as to whether a challenge has been made, the written  
 25 notice must recite that the challenge to confidentiality is being made in accordance with this  
 26 specific paragraph of the Protective Order. The parties shall attempt to resolve each challenge in  
 27 good faith and must begin the process by conferring directly (in voice to voice dialogue; other  
 28 forms of communication are not sufficient) within 14 days of the date of service of notice. In

1 conferring, the Challenging Party must explain the basis for its belief that the confidentiality  
2 designation was not proper and must give the Designating Party an opportunity to review the  
3 designated material, to reconsider the circumstances, and, if no change in designation is offered,  
4 to explain the basis for the chosen designation. A Challenging Party may proceed to the next  
5 stage of the challenge process only if it has engaged in this meet and confer process first or  
6 establishes that the Designating Party is unwilling to participate in the meet and confer process in  
7 a timely manner.

8       6.3     Judicial Intervention. If the Parties cannot resolve a challenge without court  
9 intervention, the Designating Party shall file and serve a motion to retain confidentiality under  
10 Civil Local Rule 7 (and in compliance with Civil Local Rule 79-5, if applicable) within 21 days  
11 of the initial notice of challenge or within 14 days of the parties agreeing that the meet and confer  
12 process will not resolve their dispute, whichever is earlier. Each such motion must be  
13 accompanied by a competent declaration affirming that the movant has complied with the meet  
14 and confer requirements imposed in the preceding paragraph. Failure by the Designating Party to  
15 make such a motion including the required declaration within 21 days (or 14 days, if applicable)  
16 shall automatically waive the confidentiality designation for each challenged designation. In  
17 addition, the Challenging Party may file a motion challenging a confidentiality designation at any  
18 time if there is good cause for doing so, including a challenge to the designation of a deposition  
19 transcript or any portions thereof. Any motion brought pursuant to this provision must be  
20 accompanied by a competent declaration affirming that the movant has complied with the meet  
21 and confer requirements imposed by the preceding paragraph.

22       The burden of persuasion in any such challenge proceeding shall be on the Designating  
23 Party. Frivolous challenges and those made for an improper purpose (e.g., to harass or impose  
24 unnecessary expenses and burdens on other parties) may expose the Challenging Party to  
25 sanctions. Unless the Designating Party has waived the confidentiality designation by failing to  
26 file a motion to retain confidentiality as described above, all parties shall continue to afford the  
27 material in question the level of protection to which it is entitled under the Producing Party's  
28 designation until the court rules on the challenge.



1     7.     ACCESS TO AND USE OF PROTECTED MATERIAL

2             7.1     Basic Principles. A Receiving Party may use Protected Material that is disclosed or  
3 produced by another Party or by a Non-Party in connection with this case only for prosecuting,  
4 defending, or attempting to settle this litigation. Such Protected Material may be disclosed only to  
5 the categories of persons and under the conditions described in this Order. When the litigation has  
6 been terminated, a Receiving Party must comply with the provisions of section 14 below (FINAL  
7 DISPOSITION).

8             Protected Material must be stored in the United States and maintained by a Receiving  
9 Party at a location and in a secure manner that ensures that access is limited to the persons  
10 authorized under this Order.

11            7.2     Disclosure of “CONFIDENTIAL” Information or Items. Unless otherwise ordered  
12 by the court or permitted in writing by the Designating Party, a Receiving Party may disclose any  
13 information or item designated “CONFIDENTIAL” only to:

14            (a)     the Receiving Party’s Outside Counsel of Record in this action, as well as  
15 employees of said Outside Counsel of Record to whom it is reasonably necessary to disclose the  
16 information for this litigation and who have signed the “Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be  
17 Bound” that is attached hereto as Exhibit A;

18            (b)     the officers, directors, and employees (including House Counsel) of the Receiving  
19 Party to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for this litigation and who have signed the  
20 “Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound” (Exhibit A);

21            (c)     Experts (as defined in this Order) of the Receiving Party to whom disclosure is  
22 reasonably necessary for this litigation and who have signed the “Acknowledgment and  
23 Agreement to Be Bound” (Exhibit A);

24            (d)     the court and its personnel;

25            (e)     court reporters and their staff, professional jury or trial consultants, and  
26 Professional Vendors to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for this litigation and who have  
27 signed the “Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound” (Exhibit A);

28            (f)     during their depositions, witnesses in the action to whom disclosure is reasonably

1 necessary and who have signed the “Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound” (Exhibit A),  
 2 unless otherwise agreed by the Designating Party or ordered by the court. Pages of transcribed  
 3 deposition testimony or exhibits to depositions that reveal Protected Material must be separately  
 4 bound by the court reporter and may not be disclosed to anyone except as permitted under this  
 5 Stipulated Protective Order.

6 (g) the author or recipient of a document containing the information or a custodian or  
 7 other person who otherwise possessed or knew the information.

8 7.3 Disclosure of “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY”  
 9 Information or Items. Unless otherwise ordered by the court or permitted in writing by the  
 10 Designating Party, a Receiving Party may disclose any information or item designated “HIGHLY  
 11 CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY” only to:

12 (a) the Receiving Party’s Outside Counsel of Record in this action, as well as  
 13 employees of said Outside Counsel of Record to whom it is reasonably necessary to disclose the  
 14 information for this litigation and who have signed the “Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be  
 15 Bound” that is attached hereto as Exhibit A;

16 (b) Designated House Counsel of the Receiving Party (1) who has no involvement in  
 17 competitive decision-making, (2) to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for this litigation,  
 18 (3) who has signed the “Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound” (Exhibit A), and (4) as to  
 19 whom the procedures set forth in paragraph 7.4(a)(1), below, have been followed;

20 Designated House Counsel may view “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS’  
 21 EYES ONLY” materials, including exhibits to motions or expert reports. This viewing must  
 22 occur on a screen provided by Outside Counsel of Record and while Outside Counsel of Record  
 23 is present, either in person or remotely on a shared video call. Designated House Counsel is  
 24 precluded from recording, copying, downloading or screen sharing such information provided by  
 25 Outside Counsel of Record. Designated House Counsel are not permitted to receive, hold, or  
 26 maintain physical or digital copies of any “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS’ EYES  
 27 ONLY” designated documents.

28 (c) Experts of the Receiving Party (1) to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for

1 this litigation, (2) who have signed the “Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound” (Exhibit  
 2 A), and (3) as to whom the procedures set forth in paragraph 7.4(a)(2), below, have been  
 3 followed;

4 (d) the court and its personnel;

5 (e) court reporters and their staff, professional jury or trial consultants, and  
 6 Professional Vendors to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for this litigation and who have  
 7 signed the “Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound” (Exhibit A); and

8 (f) the author or recipient of a document containing the information or a custodian or  
 9 other person who otherwise possessed or knew the information.

10 7.4 Procedures for Approving or Objecting to Disclosure of “HIGHLY  
 11 CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY” or “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – SOURCE  
 12 CODE” Information or Items to Designated House Counsel or Experts.

13 (a)(1) Unless otherwise ordered by the court or agreed to in writing by the Designating  
 14 Party, a Party that seeks to disclose to Designated House Counsel any information or item that has  
 15 been designated “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY” pursuant to  
 16 paragraph 7.3(b) first must make a written request to the Designating Party that (1) sets forth the  
 17 full name of the Designated House Counsel and the city and state of his or her residence, and (2)  
 18 describes the Designated House Counsel’s current and reasonably foreseeable future primary job  
 19 duties and responsibilities in sufficient detail to determine if House Counsel is involved, or may  
 20 become involved, in any competitive decision-making.

21 (a)(2) Unless otherwise ordered by the court or agreed to in writing by the Designating  
 22 Party, a Party that seeks to disclose to an Expert (as defined in this Order) any information or item  
 23 that has been designated “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY” or  
 24 “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – SOURCE CODE” pursuant to paragraph 7.3(c) first must make a  
 25 written request to the Designating Party that (1) identifies the general categories of “HIGHLY  
 26 CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY” or “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – SOURCE  
 27 CODE” information that the Receiving Party seeks permission to disclose to the Expert, (2) sets  
 28 forth the full name of the Expert and the city and state of his or her primary residence, (3)

1 attaches a copy of the Expert's current resume, (4) identifies the Expert's current employer(s), (5)  
2 identifies each person or entity from whom the Expert has received compensation or funding for  
3 work in his or her areas of expertise or to whom the expert has provided professional services,  
4 including in connection with a litigation, at any time during the preceding five years,<sup>1</sup> and (6)  
5 identifies (by name and number of the case, filing date, and location of court) any litigation in  
6 connection with which the Expert has offered expert testimony, including through a declaration,  
7 report, or testimony at a deposition or trial, during the preceding five years.

8 (b) A Party that makes a request and provides the information specified in the  
9 preceding respective paragraphs may disclose the subject Protected Material to the identified  
10 Designated House Counsel or Expert unless, within 14 days of delivering the request, the Party  
11 receives a written objection from the Designating Party. Any such objection must set forth in  
12 detail the grounds on which it is based.

13 (c) A Party that receives a timely written objection must meet and confer with the  
14 Designating Party (through direct voice to voice dialogue) to try to resolve the matter by  
15 agreement within seven days of the written objection. If no agreement is reached, the Party  
16 seeking to make the disclosure to Designated House Counsel or the Expert may file a motion as  
17 provided in Civil Local Rule 7 (and in compliance with Civil Local Rule 79-5, if applicable)  
18 seeking permission from the court to do so. Any such motion must describe the circumstances  
19 with specificity, set forth in detail the reasons why the disclosure to Designated House Counsel or  
20 the Expert is reasonably necessary, assess the risk of harm that the disclosure would entail, and  
21 suggest any additional means that could be used to reduce that risk. In addition, any such motion  
22 must be accompanied by a competent declaration describing the parties' efforts to resolve the  
23 matter by agreement (i.e., the extent and the content of the meet and confer discussions) and  
24 setting forth the reasons advanced by the Designating Party for its refusal to approve the  
25 disclosure.

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27 <sup>1</sup> If the Expert believes any of this information is subject to a confidentiality obligation to a third-party, then the  
28 Expert should provide whatever information the Expert believes can be disclosed without violating any  
confidentiality agreements, and the Party seeking to disclose to the Expert shall be available to meet and confer with  
the Designating Party regarding any such engagement.

1 In any such proceeding, the Party opposing disclosure to Designated House Counsel or the  
2 Expert shall bear the burden of proving that the risk of harm that the disclosure would entail  
3 (under the safeguards proposed) outweighs the Receiving Party's need to disclose the Protected  
4 Material to its Designated House Counsel or Expert.

5 8. SOURCE CODE

6 (a) To the extent production of source code becomes necessary in this case, a  
7 Producing Party may designate source code as "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL - SOURCE CODE"  
8 if it comprises or includes confidential, proprietary or trade secret source code.

9 (b) Protected Material designated as "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – SOURCE  
10 CODE" shall be subject to all of the protections afforded to "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL –  
11 ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY" information, and may be disclosed only to the individuals to  
12 whom "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY" information may be  
13 disclosed, as set forth in Paragraphs 7.3 and 7.4, with the exception of Designated House  
14 Counsel.

15 (c) Any source code produced in discovery shall be made available for inspection, in a  
16 format allowing it to be reasonably reviewed and searched, during normal business hours or at  
17 other mutually agreeable times, at an office of the Producing Party's counsel or another mutually  
18 agreed upon location. The source code shall be made available for inspection on a secured  
19 computer in a secured room without Internet access or network access to other computers, and the  
20 Receiving Party shall not copy, remove, or otherwise transfer any portion of the source code onto  
21 any recordable media or recordable device. The Producing Party may visually monitor the  
22 activities of the Receiving Party's representatives during any source code review, but only to  
23 ensure that there is no unauthorized recording, copying, or transmission of the source code.

24 The Receiving Party may request, and the Producing Party or Producing Parties shall not  
25 unreasonably deny, the preinstallation and use on the inspection computer of the following: (1) a  
26 specific operating system, (2) specifically identified software tools that will assist in the review  
27 and analysis of the source code, and (3) any software code specified by the Receiving Party to be  
28 compared against the produced source code. This paragraph allows for simultaneous code

1 inspection by allowing installation and use of additional source code to be compared against the  
2 produced source code.

3 (d) The Receiving Party may request paper copies of limited portions of source code  
4 that are reasonably necessary for the preparation of court filings, pleadings, expert reports, or  
5 other papers, or for deposition or trial, but shall not request paper copies for the purposes of  
6 reviewing the source code other than electronically as set forth in paragraph (c) in the first  
7 instance. The Producing Party shall provide all such source code in paper form including bates  
8 numbers and the label "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL - SOURCE CODE." The Producing Party  
9 may challenge the amount of source code requested in hard copy form pursuant to the dispute  
10 resolution procedure and timeframes set forth in Paragraph 6 whereby the Producing Party is the  
11 "Challenging Party" and the Receiving Party is the "Designating Party" for purposes of dispute  
12 resolution.

13 (e) The Receiving Party shall maintain a record of any individual who has inspected  
14 any portion of the source code in electronic or paper form. The Receiving Party shall maintain all  
15 paper copies of any printed portions of the source code in a secured, locked area. The Receiving  
16 Party shall not create any electronic or other images of the paper copies and shall not convert any  
17 of the information contained in the paper copies into any electronic format. The Receiving Party  
18 shall only make additional paper copies if such additional copies are (1) necessary to prepare  
19 court filings, pleadings, or other papers (including a testifying expert's expert report), (2)  
20 necessary for deposition, or (3) otherwise necessary for the preparation of its case. Any paper  
21 copies used during a deposition shall be retrieved by the Producing Party at the end of each day  
22 and must not be given to or left with a court reporter or any other unauthorized individual.

23 9. PROTECTED MATERIAL SUBPOENAED OR ORDERED PRODUCED IN OTHER  
24 LITIGATION

25 If a Party is served with a subpoena or a court order issued in other litigation that compels  
26 disclosure of any information or items designated in this action as "CONFIDENTIAL" or  
27 "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY" or "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL –  
28 SOURCE CODE" that Party must:

1 (a) promptly notify in writing the Designating Party. Such notification shall include a  
2 copy of the subpoena or court order;

3 (b) promptly notify in writing the party who caused the subpoena or order to issue in  
4 the other litigation that some or all of the material covered by the subpoena or order is subject to  
5 this Protective Order. Such notification shall include a copy of this Stipulated Protective Order;  
6 and

7 (c) cooperate with respect to all reasonable procedures sought to be pursued by the  
8 Designating Party whose Protected Material may be affected.<sup>2</sup>

9 If the Designating Party timely seeks a protective order, the Party served with the  
10 subpoena or court order shall not produce any information designated in this action as  
11 “CONFIDENTIAL” or “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY” or  
12 “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – SOURCE CODE” before a determination by the court from  
13 which the subpoena or order issued, unless the Party has obtained the Designating Party’s  
14 permission. The Designating Party shall bear the burden and expense of seeking protection in that  
15 court of its confidential material – and nothing in these provisions should be construed as  
16 authorizing or encouraging a Receiving Party in this action to disobey a lawful directive from  
17 another court.

18 10. A NON-PARTY’S PROTECTED MATERIAL SOUGHT TO BE PRODUCED IN THIS  
19 LITIGATION

20 (a) The terms of this Order are applicable to information produced by a Non-Party in  
21 this action and designated as “CONFIDENTIAL or “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL –  
22 ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY” or “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – SOURCE CODE”. Such  
23 information produced by Non-Parties in connection with this litigation is protected by the  
24 remedies and relief provided by this Order. Nothing in these provisions should be construed as  
25 prohibiting a Non-Party from seeking additional protections.

26 (b) In the event that a Party is required, by a valid discovery request, to produce a  
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28 <sup>2</sup> The purpose of imposing these duties is to alert the interested parties to the existence of this Protective Order and to afford the Designating Party in this case an opportunity to try to protect its confidentiality interests in the court from which the subpoena or order issued.



Non-Party's confidential information in its possession, and the Party is subject to an agreement with the Non-Party not to produce the Non-Party's confidential information, then the Party shall:

1. promptly notify in writing the Requesting Party and the Non-Party that some or all of the information requested is subject to a confidentiality agreement with a Non-Party;
2. promptly provide the Non-Party with a copy of the Stipulated Protective Order in this litigation, the relevant discovery request(s), and a reasonably specific description of the information requested; and
3. make the information requested available for inspection by the Non-Party.

(c) If the Non-Party fails to object or seek a protective order from this court within 14 days of receiving the notice and accompanying information, the Receiving Party may produce the Non-Party's confidential information responsive to the discovery request. If the Non-Party timely seeks a protective order, the Receiving Party shall not produce any information in its possession or control that is subject to the confidentiality agreement with the Non-Party before a determination by the court.<sup>3</sup> Absent a court order to the contrary, the Non-Party shall bear the burden and expense of seeking protection in this court of its Protected Material.

#### 11. UNAUTHORIZED DISCLOSURE OF PROTECTED MATERIAL

If a Receiving Party learns that, by inadvertence or otherwise, it has disclosed Protected Material to any person or in any circumstance not authorized under this Stipulated Protective Order, the Receiving Party must immediately (a) notify in writing the Designating Party of the unauthorized disclosures, (b) use its best efforts to retrieve all unauthorized copies of the Protected Material, (c) inform the person or persons to whom unauthorized disclosures were made of all the terms of this Order, and (d) request such person or persons to execute the "Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound" that is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

#### 12. INADVERTENT PRODUCTION OF PRIVILEGED OR OTHERWISE PROTECTED MATERIAL

When a Producing Party gives notice to Receiving Parties that certain inadvertently

<sup>3</sup> The purpose of this provision is to alert the interested parties to the existence of confidentiality rights of a Non-Party and to afford the Non-Party an opportunity to protect its confidentiality interests in this court.



1 produced material is subject to a claim of privilege or other protection, the obligations of the  
2 Receiving Parties are those set forth in Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(b)(5)(B). This  
3 provision is not intended to modify whatever procedure may be established in an e-discovery  
4 order that provides for production without prior privilege review. Pursuant to Federal Rule of  
5 Evidence 502(d) and (e), insofar as the parties reach an agreement on the effect of disclosure of a  
6 communication or information covered by the attorney-client privilege or work product  
7 protection, the parties may incorporate their agreement in the stipulated protective order  
8 submitted to the court.

9 13. MISCELLANEOUS

10 13.1 Right to Further Relief. Nothing in this Order abridges the right of any person to  
11 seek its modification by the court in the future.

12 13.2 Right to Assert Other Objections. By stipulating to the entry of this Protective  
13 Order no Party waives any right it otherwise would have to object to disclosing or producing any  
14 information or item on any ground not addressed in this Stipulated Protective Order. Similarly, no  
15 Party waives any right to object on any ground to use in evidence of any of the material covered  
16 by this Protective Order.

17 13.3 Export Control. Disclosure of Protected Material shall be subject to all applicable  
18 laws and regulations relating to the export of technical data contained in such Protected Material,  
19 including the release of such technical data to foreign persons or nationals in the United States or  
20 elsewhere. The Producing Party shall be responsible for identifying any such controlled technical  
21 data, and the Receiving Party shall take measures necessary to ensure compliance.

22 13.4 Filing Protected Material. Without written permission from the Designating Party  
23 or a court order secured after appropriate notice to all interested persons, a Party may not file in  
24 the public record in this action any Protected Material. A Party that seeks to file under seal any  
25 Protected Material must comply with Civil Local Rule 79-5. Protected Material may only be filed  
26 under seal pursuant to a court order authorizing the sealing of the specific Protected Material at  
27 issue. Pursuant to Civil Local Rule 79-5, a sealing order will issue only upon a request  
28 establishing that the Protected Material at issue is privileged, protectable as a trade secret, or

1 otherwise entitled to protection under the law. If a Receiving Party's request to file Protected  
2 Material under seal pursuant to Civil Local Rule 79-5 is denied by the court, then the Receiving  
3 Party may file the Protected Material in the public record pursuant to Civil Local Rule 79-5  
4 unless otherwise instructed by the court.

5 14. FINAL DISPOSITION

6 Within 60 days after the final disposition of this action, as defined in paragraph 4, each  
7 Receiving Party must return all Protected Material to the Producing Party or destroy such  
8 material. As used in this subdivision, "all Protected Material" includes all copies, abstracts,  
9 compilations, summaries, and any other format reproducing or capturing any of the Protected  
10 Material. Whether the Protected Material is returned or destroyed, the Receiving Party must  
11 submit a written certification to the Producing Party (and, if not the same person or entity, to the  
12 Designating Party) by the 60-day deadline that (1) identifies (by category, where appropriate) all  
13 the Protected Material that was returned or destroyed and (2) affirms that the Receiving Party has  
14 not retained any copies, abstracts, compilations, summaries or any other format reproducing or  
15 capturing any of the Protected Material. Notwithstanding this provision, Counsel are entitled to  
16 retain an archival copy of all pleadings, motion papers, trial, deposition, and hearing transcripts,  
17 legal memoranda, correspondence, deposition and trial exhibits, expert reports, attorney work  
18 product, and consultant and expert work product, even if such materials contain Protected  
19 Material. If counsel retains archival copies that contain source code, the source code must be  
20 redacted. Any such archival copies that contain or constitute Protected Material remain subject to  
21 this Protective Order as set forth in Section 4 (DURATION).

22 IT IS SO STIPULATED, THROUGH COUNSEL OF RECORD.  
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PURSUANT TO STIPULATION, IT IS SO ORDERED.

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KANDIS A. WESTMORE  
United States District/Magistrate Judge

EXHIBIT AACKNOWLEDGMENT AND AGREEMENT TO BE BOUND

I, \_\_\_\_\_ [print or type full name], of \_\_\_\_\_  
 [print or type full address], declare under penalty of perjury that I have read in its entirety and understand the Stipulated Protective Order that was issued by the United States District Court for the Northern District of California on [date] in the case of *Lynwood Investments CY Limited v. Konovalov*, No. 3:20-cv-03778-MMC (N.D. Cal.). I agree to comply with and to be bound by all the terms of this Stipulated Protective Order and I understand and acknowledge that failure to so comply could expose me to sanctions and punishment in the nature of contempt. I solemnly promise that I will not disclose in any manner any information or item that is subject to this Stipulated Protective Order to any person or entity except in strict compliance with the provisions of this Order.

I further agree to submit to the jurisdiction of the United States District Court for the Northern District of California for the purpose of enforcing the terms of this Stipulated Protective Order, even if such enforcement proceedings occur after termination of this action.

I hereby appoint \_\_\_\_\_ [print or type full name] of \_\_\_\_\_  
 [print or type full address and telephone number] as my California agent for service of process in connection with this action or any proceedings related to enforcement of this Stipulated Protective Order.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_, 202\_\_

City and State where sworn and signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 [printed name]

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
 [signature]